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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes January 26, 2017

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control; and Stephen Seigal, Vice President, Tighe & Bond

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Weaver stated that Mr. Zahner and Mr. Tedford have been reappointed to the Authority and thanked them for volunteering their time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Longo of 363 Meadowbrook Road, Manchester, inquired as to whether or not a separate meter can be installed for irrigation systems and if not, are there future plans to address this option. Mr. Longo thanked the Authority for their time.

Carl Schaeffer, 1A Fox Hill Drive, Vernon, stated that he wants more information in the minutes relative to the treatment facility upgrade. Mr. Schaefer also expressed concern about the sewers on South Street as he has had two backups at his residence and his neighbors have had backups as well. He asked the Authority to look into the plan to rebuild South Street, particularly the sewer lines.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2016

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the December 8, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Mrs. Landry abstaining.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal presented Chapters 1 – 3 of the Draft Wastewater Facilities Plan and answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Seigal's presentation included storm resiliency, future sewer service area, current and design influent loads, and nitrogen credits. Chairman Weaver recommended that Mr. Seigal send the draft plan to the DEEP first before the Authority approves it, and to ask the DEEP to review the plan as quickly as possible. Mr. Seigal explained that the next step would be to develop a recommendation for process and then a cost estimate. Mr. Anderson requested a monthly calendar of events so that the Authority can see the progress at each meeting. Chairman Weaver encouraged the Authority members to read through the draft proposal and direct any questions to Mr. Grasis.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske said that the plant is running well and because he began to track phosphorus levels in 2016, the Authority will have a reference when comparing phosphorus numbers this year. Mr. Grasis reported that the carbon regen is now working; the condensing boilers that were replaced in the sludge thickener building are working well; and the camera truck has been ordered. Also, Mr. Grasis said the he, Mr. Boske and Chairman Weaver attended the NEWEA conference this week; two wastewater operators passed the Class 3 exam and one operator passed the Class 2 exam; and Brian Bilodeau is a permanent employee having completed his probation period. A meeting took place between the Vernon and Tolland town attorneys regarding a settlement for expenses incurred for the cleaning of the sewer pipes, Mr. Grasis reported. The State DOT will be repaving from Wilshire Road to West Street, therefore the sewer manholes in that area will need to be reset.

DISCUSSION OF DEFERRED ASSESSMENT – 160 HARTFORD TURNPIKE

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item. A discussion took place as to whether or not the property owners should pay the sewer assessment although the property will not be hooked up to the sewer. Mr. Grasis explained that the property, which is zoned commercial, is being developed to be used as a parking lot, therefore he asked the property owner to pay for the assessment. Chairman Weaver also stated that the Authority has the right to ask for the deferred assessment and Mr. Anderson agreed - the assessment enhances the property. It was the consensus of the Authority to collect the deferred assessment.

DISCUSSION OF TRAIL RUN DEVELOPMENT – 243/253 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD

This agenda item was postponed until the next regular meeting.

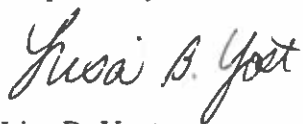
ESTABLISH A DATE FOR A SPECIAL WPCA MEETING TO REVIEW PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE SEWER AUTHORITY, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE WASTE TREATMENT PLANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 – 2018

It was the consensus of the Authority to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to review the proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control